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RE: This letter is an appeal to the decision by the SLD for e-rate funding for internet connection.

Funding Request Number: 1343434 Category of Service: Internet Access

Form 470 Application Number 832900000 Funding Year 2005: 07/01/2005 - 06/30/2006

Billed Entity Number: 65437

Billed Entity FCC RN: 11835816

Applicant's Form Identifier: A471GT05

Service Provider name: Mainstreet Communications/ DiversiCOM

SPIN: 143021940

Billing Account Number 320.351.9990

Funding commitment decision: \$0.00 Contract Violation

FCC rules require that a contract for the products / services be signed and dated by both parties prior to

the filing of the Form 471. This requirement was not met.

CC Docket No. 02-6

These are the reasons that we understand to be accurate and justified for our filing as we did:

1. DiversiCOM has been the supplier of our internet service since 1999 because of a grant we received. Our grant money ran out after the December 2004 service was billed. We filed the 470 and waited for other bidders to respond, however since our grant money expired December of 2004 and since there were no other service contractors in our area, DiversiCOM guaranteed our service to continue at the previous rate beginning Jan. 1, 2005 as to not interrupt our service to the students. For the month of January, we just paid a monthly amount equal to what the old contract was,

until we had other bids to choose from. No other bids were submitted.

2. Upon filing the 471 I found out that I needed to have a contract with DiveriCOM. I contacted them and

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they sent us a lefter dated March 29, 2005 stating what we already had agreed upon verbally. The letter included the beginning and ending dates of the contract as Jan 1, 2005 to Dec. 1, 2010 and the amount we would pay.

3. Then, in July 2005, Karen Humes, from SLD, called us as she was reviewing our form 471. She asked for a contract for internet services, and I told her that the letter I submitted was the only communication we were given and that it was the contract. Since it was just a letter, she asked us to contact DiversiCOM and ask for a new contract dated at the beginning of the service. Jan. 1, 2005. I understood that Karen was suggesting we resubmit the contract dated at the start of service as outlined in the second paragraph of the letter. So we did that. I have never had to file for these services and thought this was the correct procedure.

We want to appeal the SLD's decision to deny funding for our internet service because there are no other providers in our area, other than DiversiCOM who submitted a bid, that was our only choice. We also feel that we tried to follow the rules of the e-rate program to the best of our ability, and our school resources and ultimately our students should not be denied e-rate funding because of a paperwork error.



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March 29, 2005

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Ginny,

As per our phone conversation, Mainstreet Communications LLC will extend the discounted rate of \$176.82 for the T-1 line from Sauk Centre Public Schools for a period of 5 years. This represents a 50% discount off the regular pricing.

This contract renewal is effective as of the January 1, 2005 billing continuing through the December 1, 2009 billing.

Please sign one of the copies enclosed and return to me at diversiCOM Melrose Telephone Co., PO Box 100, Melrose, MN 56352. Any questions, please feel free to call me at my direct number 320-256-0209.

Signature;

Date:

Sincerely,

Alvina Maus

Billing Supervisor

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